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SUBJECT: DALOUBIEX KIDNAPPING - TRAVEL TO ARGENTINA

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1. THROUGHOUT PAST YEAR, DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED CALLS FROM U.S. CORPORATE EXECUTIVES INQUIRING ABOUT SAFETY OF TRAVEL TO ARGENTINA FOR PURPOSES OF SALES PROMOTION OR BRIEF INSPECTION OF PLANT AND OPERATIONS THERE. UNTIL NOW WE HAVE RESPONDED INTER ALIA THAT DESPITE HIGH LEVEL OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY, AND PARTICULAR VULNERABILITY OF FOREIGN EXECUTIVES, FACT WAS THAT NO AMERICAN TEMPORARY VISITOR TO ARGENTINA, WHETHER FOR BUSINESS OR PLEASURE, HAD BEEN TARGET OF TERRORIST ATTACK IN PAST FEW YEARS.

2. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THAT OTIS ELEVATOR EXECUTIVE, JOHN DALOUBIEX IS A FRENCH CITIZEN, AND WHILE INFORMATION THUS FAR AVAILABLE HERE DOES NOT CONFIRM THAT HE WAS KIDNAPPED
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FROM PLAZA HOTEL, THIS INCIDENT NEVERTHELESS CALLS INTO

QUESTION WHETHER DEPARTMENT CAN OR SHOULD CONTINUE NOT TO DISCOURAGE TEMPORARY VISITS BY U.S. BUSINESSMEN TO ARGENTINA.

3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE

REVIEW OUR PRESENT APPROACH TO THIS PROBLEM IN AFTERMATH OF DALOUBIEUX KIDNAPPING AND MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS. IN GENERAL TERMS, WHAT IS THE EMBASSY'S ANALYSIS OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS KIDNAPPING? SPECIFICALLY, WHAT SHOULD WE TELL COMPANIES THAT SOLICIT OUR ADVICE ABOUT SENDING EXECUTIVES OR TECHNICIANS TO ARGENTINA FOR SHORT PERIODS? SHOULD WE DISCOURAGE BUSINESSMEN FROM STAYING AT PLAZA HOTEL? KISSINGER

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